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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 11.2% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 19 — Airline passenger traffic rose 11.2 percent in January, compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in January increased 10.9 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 9.9 percent. The load factor rose to 54.8 percent from 54.4 percent in January of last year.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in January was up 12.6 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.3 percent. The load factor was 60.4 percent, up from 58.1 percent in the same month of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1987 - 1986

	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	22,181,770	40,441,836	54.8
	86	20,002,918	36,797,055	54.4
PERCENT CHANGE		10.9	9.9	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,103,212	8,449,400	60.4
	86	4,532,834	7,805,332	58.1
PERCENT CHANGE		12.6	8.3	
TOTAL	87	27,284,982	48,891,236	55.8
	86	24,535,752	44,602,387	55.0
PERCENT CHANGE		11.2	9.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.